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DEQ announces water quality conference

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will host “Louisiana Water Quality Conference: Watershed Issues 2007.” The conference will be held in Lafayette, Oct. 29-31, at the Lafayette Hilton Hotel.

The conference will focus on nonpoint source pollution control and watershed management. Nonpoint source pollution is a type of water pollution that is not generated from a distinct place, such as a discharge pipe or sewage treatment plant. It is generated during rainfall events. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters, and even our underground sources of drinking water. According to EPA, states have reported that nonpoint source pollution is the leading remaining cause of water quality problems.

The conference will offer a boat trip down Vermilion River, informative sessions, lunch and a banquet. For more information contact Alicia Walsh, DEQ environmental scientist at 225-219-3487 or Dr. Durga Poudel, with ULL at 337-482-6163. For more information and to register, visit www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/69/Default.aspx.